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## **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of AIA Group Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. John Barrie Harrison as an independent non-executive director, chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Risk Committee of the Company with effect from 1 July 2011.

With effect from 1 July 2011, Dr. Qin Xiao will cease to act as Chairman of the Audit Committee but will remain a member thereof.

Mr. Harrison, aged 54, is currently an independent non-executive director of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited, a non-executive director of BW Group and the president of the Hong Kong Cricket Club.

Mr. Harrison began his career with KPMG in London in 1977 and was made a partner of KPMG Hong Kong in 1987. During Mr. Harrison's career in the China practice (including Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau), he served in a number of leadership roles including Partner in Charge of Human Resources, Partner in Charge of Financial Services and Partner in Charge of Audit. In 2003, Mr. Harrison was elected Chairman of KPMG China and Hong Kong and Chairman of KPMG Asia Pacific. From 2008 to 2010, he was Deputy Chairman, KPMG International. Mr. Harrison has a Bachelor of Science (Mathematics) from Durham University, UK and is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Harrison has been involved in all areas of the banking, finance and aviation industries for many years. He has considerable experience in financial statements audit, assurance based advisory services, corporate governance and financial risk management.

Mr. Harrison confirmed that he meets the independence criteria as set out in Rule 3.13 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Listing Rules").

Mr. Harrison is entitled to receive an annual director's fee of US\$155,000 and an annual fee of US\$45,000 and US\$25,000 for acting as the Chairman of the Audit Committee and member of the Risk Committee, respectively. The fees were set by the Remuneration Committee with reference to the duties and responsibilities within the Company and prevailing market conditions.

Mr. Harrison has been appointed for a period commencing on 1 July 2011 and ending on 27 September 2013, subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the articles of association of the Company.

As at the date of this announcement, Mr. Harrison does not have any interest or short position in shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Harrison has not held any other directorships in other Hong Kong and overseas listed public companies in the last three years. Other than the positions disclosed above, Mr. Harrison does not hold any position in the Company or any of its subsidiaries and does not have any relationship with any director, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Mr. Harrison confirmed that there is no other information relating to him that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters which need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company in connection with his appointment.

By order of the Board **Mark Edward Tucker**  *Executive Director, Group Chief Executive and President* 

Hong Kong, 23 June 2011

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises:

*Non-executive Chairman and Non-executive Director:* Mr. Edmund Sze Wing Tse

*Executive Director, Group Chief Executive and President:* Mr. Mark Edward Tucker

Independent Non-executive Directors: Sir Chung-Kong (CK) Chow, Mr. Rafael Si-Yan Hui and Dr. Qin Xiao

*Non-executive Directors:* Mr. Jack Chak-Kwong So, Mr. Jeffrey Joy Hurd and Mr. Jay Steven Wintrob